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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR TRAVEL TO ROC

REF A. MANILA 4634 B. TAIPEI 2920 DATED MAY 8, 1974

1. AT PRESENT, THE GROC REQUIRES THAT THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF FOREIGN VISITORS ARRIVING IN TAIWAN HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION A VALID PASSPORT AND A VALID (I.E., UNEXPIRED) VISA. (ARRIVAL ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT DOES NOT IN ANY WAY ALTER THE REQUIREMENT.)

A. ALL CIVILIANS, INCLUDING MILITARY DEPENDENTS.
B. MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO MAAG/ROC OR TO THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE (DAO) OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, TAIPEI.

2. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE PERSONNEL LISTED IN PARA 1B ABOVE, ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY IN POSSESSION OF IDENTITY CARDS AND PCS, TAD, TDY OR LEAVE TRAVEL ORDERS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENT.

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3. IN MEETINGS WITH MOFA OFFICE OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS (OCA) CONCERNING PRESENT VISA PROBLEMS, OCA DIRECTOR WANG MENG-HSIEN AUTHORIZED SPECIAL PROCEDURES OUTLINED BELOW FOR TRAVEL BY US GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. HOWEVER, HE ADVISED THAT ROC VISAS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHUNG HWA TRAVEL SERVICE, ROOM 1008-1009, NO. 20 DE VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG; AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT AS MANY PERSONS AS POSSIBLE WOULD OBTAIN THEIR VISAS AT THAT OFFICE.

4. DIRECTOR WANG AUTHORIZED ENTRY TO THE ROC WITHOUT VISAS FOR US GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS PROVIDED THAT HE BE PROVIDED WITH THE TRAVELER'S NAME, OFFICIAL TITLE, PASSPORT NUMBER, REASON FOR TRAVEL, AND EXACT DAY, TIME OF ARRIVAL, AIRLINE AND FLIGHT NUMBER AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

5. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THIS INFORMATION IS PASSED TO MOFA IN TIME TO ALLOW THEM TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ROC IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AT THE AIRPORT, WE SUGGEST YOU ADVISE US AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF SUCH TRAVEL. IMPORTANCE OF EXACT FLIGHT NUMBER AND TIME OF ARRIVAL CANNOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED. IF A TRAVELER DOES NOT ARRIVE ON THE ANTICIPATED FLIGHT, HE MAY NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE ROC AND THE SYSTEM WILL COLLAPSE. MOFA AND EMBASSY DO NOT ANTICIPATE USING ENTRY WITHOUT VISA PROCEDURE FOR CIVILIANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO ROC OR FOR TRAVELERS ON NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS, I.E. PERSONS TAKING LEAVE. MOFA AND EMBASSY HOPE ENTRY WITHOUT VISA PROCEDURE WILL BE UTILIZED INFREQUENTLY FOR GENUINE EMERGENCY OFFICIAL TRAVEL.

6. TRAVELERS ENTERING WITHOUT VISAS MUST OBTAIN VISAS AFTER ARRIVALS, THEREFORE, THEY MUST REPEAT MUST WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS (EXCLUDING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS) REPORT WITH THEIR PASSPORTS TO THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY (87 NANKING EAST ROAD, SECTION 2) TO INITIATE ROC VISA PROCEDURES.

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7. IN NON-EMERGENCY CASES (PCS ORDER, LEAVE, ETC.), OCA WILL ISSUE VISAS IN TAIPEI TO MILITARY PERSONNEL SPECIFIED IN PARA 1B ABOVE, MILITARY DEPENDENTS US GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. PASSPORTS AND COMPLETED CHINESE VISA APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT BY THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE US EMBASSY MANILA TO THE CONSULAR SECTION OF US EMBASSY TAIPEI. COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS AND A SUPPLY OF CHINESE VISA

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